

CITY OF ALAMEDA

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: Lisa Goldman
Acting City Manager

Date: February 15, 2011

Re: Accept the Work of Salt River Construction, Inc. for the Harbor Bay
Dredging Project, No. P.W. 06-09-16

BACKGROUND

On July 21, 2009, the City Council authorized a call for bids for the Alameda Harbor Bay channel dredging project, No. P.W. 06-09-14. The project would eliminate shallow areas in the Harbor Bay channel, thereby facilitating operation of vessels owned by the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA). WETA agreed to fund the project. On November 30, 2009, the City Council awarded a contract in the amount of \$339,159, including contingencies, to Salt River Construction, Inc. (SRC).

DISCUSSION

The contract required SRC to remove a total of 21,300 cubic yards of material from areas in the channel on the ferry terminal approach in two phases. In December 2009, after SRC completed work on phase 1, the City conducted a post-dredging survey to evaluate the work. The survey showed that all but 313 cubic yards of the required material had been removed and that phase 2 work would be more beneficial to the ferry operations if the existing channel markers were realigned and dredging occur in the immediate vicinity of the Harbor Bay float. SRC agreed to work with the City to revise the work scope and agreed to remove the remaining 313 cubic yards of material from the Phase 1 when it redeployed for the Phase 2 work. Despite the best efforts of the City's consultants, modifying the required Bay Conservation and Development Commission, Army Corp of Engineers, and Regional Water Quality Control Board permits took six months to accommodate the new area of dredging. This delay meant that the project had to be rescheduled for the fall of 2010 when the permitted dredging window reopened. In the fall of 2010, the City and SRC were unable to reach an agreement on a workable schedule along with contractor compensation for the new work. Based on this fact, WETA asked the City to close the SRC contract with the expectation that WETA would complete the project after it assumes operational control of the services this year. The project has been completed except for the 313 cubic yards listed above and is acceptable to the Public Works Department. The final project cost is \$104,435.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funds for the proposed project are budgeted in the Capital Improvement Program 90862 (Harbor Bay Dredging Project), with funding provided by WETA. Only phase 1 of the work was completed. There is no impact on the General Fund associated with the project.

MUNICIPAL CODE/POLICY DOCUMENT CROSS REFERENCE

This action does not affect the Alameda Municipal Code.

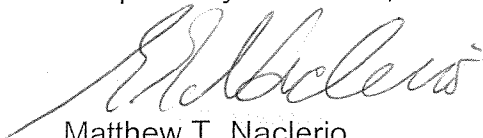
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), dredging at Harbor Bay is Categorically Exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15304(g), Maintenance dredging where the spoils are deposited in a spoil area authorized by all applicable state and federal regulatory agencies, and Sections 21083 and 21087 of the Public Resources Code.

RECOMMENDATION

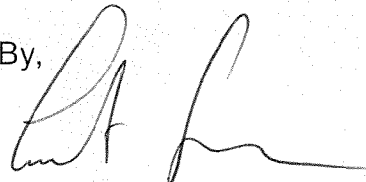
Accept the work of SRC for the Harbor Bay dredging project, No. P.W. 06-09-16.

Respectfully submitted,



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Public Works Director

By,



Ernest Sanchez
Ferry Manager

Approved as to funds and account,



Fred Marsh
Controller

cc: Watchdog Committee – Ferry